

In the Name of God. Amen, I. Montfort Celbeck of the County of Halifax & State of
N. Carolina, do make this my last Will & Testament in writing (to wit) I first commend
my Soul to God, hoping through the meritorious Death & Passion of Our blessed Lord &
Saviour, that he will take & receive my Soul into his most gracious care, & protection, &
forgive me all my Sins & infirmities. — My Body I desire may be disposed of in the most
plain & decent manner, as I have always thought an entertainment at a Funeral a gross
piece of nonsense: however I desire that upon the occasion a Sermon may be preached
in the Town of Halifax by a Minister of the Church of England. And as for all the
worldly goods I may be possessed of I give & bestow in manner & form following: Viz:
First, I give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife. Mary Celbeck, the use of the Plantation
whereon I now live, during her natural life: Beginning at a Gum standing on Little
Quanky Creek at the Mouth of a small Branch, where Negroe Will formerly had a
clearing; then running up the various courses of s. branch to a corner White Oak standing
by the road, then N. 80. W. 26 poles to George Williamsons corner a pine then along Geo.
Williamsons line to Great Quanky Creek, then down the Creek to the mouth of Little
Quanky Creek, & up the courses of s. Creek to the First Station. And after her Decease I give
the s. Land is above mentioned to my daughter. Anna. Maria Celbeck & to her heirs and
assigns forever. I also give to my Wife my Negroe Boy Ambrose, & my black colt called

Montfort Celbeck's last will.